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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN WAR MINISTER VISITS PARIS

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1. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, EGYPTIAN WAR MINISTER GENERAL MOHAMED ABDEL GHANI EL GAMASY LEFT CAIRO MARCH 13 FOR OFFICIAL VISIT TO PARIS IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF SUPREME COUNCIL OF ARAB ORGANIZATION FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION (AOI). HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ASHRAF MARWAN, AOI'S BOARD CHAIRMAN. GAMASY MET, ACCORDING PRESS MARCH 15, WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT AND THEN SIGNED AGREEMENT FOR "TECHNICAL COOPERATION" BETWEEN GOF AND AOI WITH FRENCH MINDEF BOURGES.

2. COMMENT: WHILE WE HAVE NO DETAILS OTHER THAN PRESS REPORTS OF GAMASY'S VISIT, WE ASSUME THAT "TECHNICAL COOPERATION" AGREEMENT IS ON SAME ORDER AS AGREEMENT SIGNED IN JANUARY WITH UK. UK SOURCES TOLD US AT THAT TIME THAT AGREEMENT WAS DESIGNED TO FACILITATE DEALINGS OF BRITISH COMPANIES AND AOI BY REDUCING AMOUNTS OF BANK GUARANTEES AND PERFORMANCE BONDS REQUIRED. AOI ALSO
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AGREED NOT TO TRANSFER TECHNOLOGY TO COUNTRIES OTHER THAN MEMBERS OF AOI. THERE IS LIKEWISE VERY LITTLE INFORMATION ON WHAT FOLLOW-UP CONTRACTS GAMASY OR MARWAN MAY SIGN WHILE IN FRANCE. ACCORDING PREVIOUS INFORMATION, FROM FRENCH EMBASSY, AGREEMENT MAY BE REACHED FOR CO-PRODUCTION OF ALPHA JET TRAINER. EILTS

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